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SUBJECT: LAO PROTOCOL NEGOTIATIONS: PRIME MINISTER EXPECTS

IMPLEMENTING PROTOCOL TO BE SIGNED NEXT WEEK

1. SOUVANNA TOLD ME EVENING JULY 27 THAT THE SENIOR LPF AND RLG NEGOTIATORS (PHOUMI AND PHENG) CAME TO SEE HIM SAME DAY AND INFORMED HIM THAT FOR ALL PRACTICAL PURPOSES ONLY UNRESOLVED ISSUE IS WHAT SIDE WOULD HEAD MINISTRY OF EDUCATION. SOUVANNA THEREFORE THOUGHT THAT PROTOCOL IMPLEMENTING FEBRUARY VIENTIANE AGREEMENT WOULD BE SIGNED IN THE COURSE OF NEXT WEEK.

2. SOUVANNA SAID THAT RLG HAD OBTAINED SIGNIFICANT CONCESSIONS FROM LPF INCLUDING LPF AGREEMENT TO (A) DESIGNATING TWO DEPUTY PRIME MINISTERS (ONE FROM THE LPF AND ONE REPRESENTING THE RIGHT); (B) ASSIGNING TO RLG PORTFOLIOS OF BOTH MINISTRIES OF DEFENSE AND INTERIOR: (C) PROVIDING SECURITY FOR LPF MINISTERS BY STATIONING ONE BATTALION OF LPF TROOPS IN VIENTIANE (INSTEAD OF 3) AND TWO COMPANIES IN LUANG PRABANG (INSTEAD OF 2 BATTALIONS), AND (D) HAVING JOINT LAO MILITARY COMMISSION DETERMINE AFTER FORMATION OF GOVERNMENT WHICH SIDE HOLDS WHAT TERRAIN ON

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BASIS ON-SITE INSPECTIONS.

3. SOUVANNA SAID HE HAD MADE A BRIEF APPEARANCE AT THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE ON JULY 26 TO BRIEF LEGISLATORS ON

RECENT NEGOTIATION DEVELOPMENT. HE IS FLYING TO LUANG PRABANT TODAY, JULY 28, TO BRIEF THE KING ON THE TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT AND UPON HIS RETURN TO VIENTIANE PLANS TO MEET WITH SOME KEY MILITARY FIGURES TO INFORM THEM OF THE BORAD TERMS OF THE SETTLEMENT. HAVING ASSURED HIS FLANKS BY KEEPING POTENTIAL OPPOSITION ELEMENTS INFORMED OF HIS MOVES, SOUVANNA THEN EXPECTS THE SENIOR NEGOTIATORS FROM THE TWO SIDES, PHENG AND PHOUMI, TO DRAFT THE FINAL TEXT OF THE PROTOCOL FOR SIGNATURE NEXT WEEK.

4. BOTH SOVIET AND FRENCH AMBASSADORS WITH WHOM I DISCUSSED STATUS NEGOTIATIONS BELIEVE THAT SOUVANNA EXTRACTED SOME MEANINGFUL CONCESSIONS AND THAT THE PROTOCOL UNDER NEGOTIATION IS A COMPROMISE DOCUMENT. SOVIET AMBASSADOR SAID THAT SOUVANNA IS EMERGING AS THE "WINNER" FROM THIS NEGOTIATION WHICH I MODIFIED BY SUGGESTING THAT SOUVANNA WILL BE MORE THAN EVER THE INDISPENSABLE MAN IN LAOS AS A RESULT OF THE SETTLEMENT EMERGING HERE.

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